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(*d*) Orders have been passed in all the cases brought to notice. A copy [a] of the orders is placed on the table.

Applications received by the Madras Services Commission from the members of the depressed classes for appointments, etc.

* 490 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications received by the Public Services Commission from the depressed classes either applying for new posts or for appearing for the various examinations held by the Commission during the years 1929 and 1930;

(*b*) how many of these candidates passed the competitive examinations and how many of them were able to get employed; and

(*c*) a list of candidates of depressed classes that are in the reserve and eligible for posts that may either fall vacant or may be created in the Government service?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is apparently referring to the Madras Services Commission. This has been in existence since the 3rd January 1930. The selections made during the first three months of that year as shown in Appendix C to the report of the Commission for 1929–30 which has already been placed on the table. For information as to the rest of the year, the hon. Member is requested to await publication of the report of the Commission for 1930–31.

(*b*) No competitive examination was held in 1930.

(*c*) Waiting lists were drawn up by the Commission only in respect of the following classes:—

(1) Clerks and typists;
(2) School Assistants and Assistant Lecturers; and
(3) Sub-Assistant Inspectresses and School Assistants.

The lists in respect of the first two classes have already been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and in the list in respect of the third class, all candidates but one, who does *not* belong to a depressed class, have been appointed.

Madras Services Commission and the production of medical certificates by candidates.

* 491 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Madras Services Commission wants applicants for jobs to produce medical certificates from officers of the rank of civil surgeons; and

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(*b*) whether any representations have been made to the Government to the effect that certificates got from any registered medical practitioner may be treated as sufficient for the purpose of at least the preliminary selection ?

A.—(*a*) Under subsidiary rule 2 to Fundamental Rule 10, the certificate required before any person, except a military pensioner, may be appointed (otherwise than as a menial paid from contingencies) to a permanent post under Government must ordinarily be signed by a Commissioned Medical Officer or a Civil Medical Officer of rank not lower than a Civil Surgeon or a District Medical Officer.

(*b*) No.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government will consider the desirability of issuing instructions to the Public Services Commission that certificates from Commissioned Medical Officers or Civil Surgeons may be dispensed with in the case of candidates who apply for jobs, and that certificates from Registered Medical Practitioners are sufficient for the purpose? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" One of the qualifications for selection for Government service is medical fitness. If the hon. Member's suggestion were accepted a selected candidate would have to get a second medical certificate with reference to Subsidiary Rule 2 to Fundamental Rule 10 before he could be actually appointed. "

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask, Sir, whether, in view of the fact that the question under reference merely refers to applicants who apply for jobs and not to persons who are going to hold the posts permanently, the Government will consider the advisibilty of dispensing with the production of such certificates from Commissioned Medical Officers ? The selection of these candidates does not mean their immediate appointment to any posts. "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" The answer that I gave to Mr. Shetty's supplemental question also applies to this. "

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" In view of the fact that a certificate from a Commissioned Medical Officer under Fundamental Rule 10 (2) is required only in the case of those people who are appointed to any permanent post, may I ask the Government to issue instructions to the Public Services Commission to suspend the production of such certificates in the case of those people who apply for jobs to the Public Services Commission and also tell them that it is enough if they produce certificates from Registered Medical Practitioners ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I am not prepared to do that. "

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know if all the applicants that apply for posts are appointed ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" No, Sir. "

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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"In view of that answer, does not the Government realize that it is merely waste of money to the poor candidates if all of them are asked to produce certificates of fitness?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"One of the qualifications required for selection of candidates is that they should be medically fit. It is for that reason that the Madras Services Commission requires a medical opinion on each candidate."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know if the medical certificate given by any other Registered Medical Practitioner is not enough for that purpose?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"No, Sir, for the reason I have already given."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Is it not a fact that after once they are selected, they are asked to undergo another medical examination?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"Not in the case of most appointments. It may be necessary in the case of certain higher appointments."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—"May I know whether Government will amend the rules so as to insist on the production of these certificates only for the final selection?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I am afraid I do not understand what the hon. Member means by 'final selection'."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—"A number of candidates apply, say about 300 or 400, for the preliminary selection. Only about 200 or 300 come for final selection, and others are thrown out. My question is whether the production of certificates cannot be insisted on only in the case of those who are retained after the final selection."

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"The production of a medical certificate is insisted upon at the very beginning and not before the final selection. In fact, one of the reasons for the rejection of an application may be medical unfitness."

Finance

Submission of the complete retrenchment proposals to the Legislative Council.

* 492 *Q.*—Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) when he expects he would be able to lay before the House the complete retrenchment proposals of the Government;

(*b*) whether he will give the Council an idea of how the new retrenchment proposals will affect the budget; and

(*c*) whether he will introduce a revised budget?